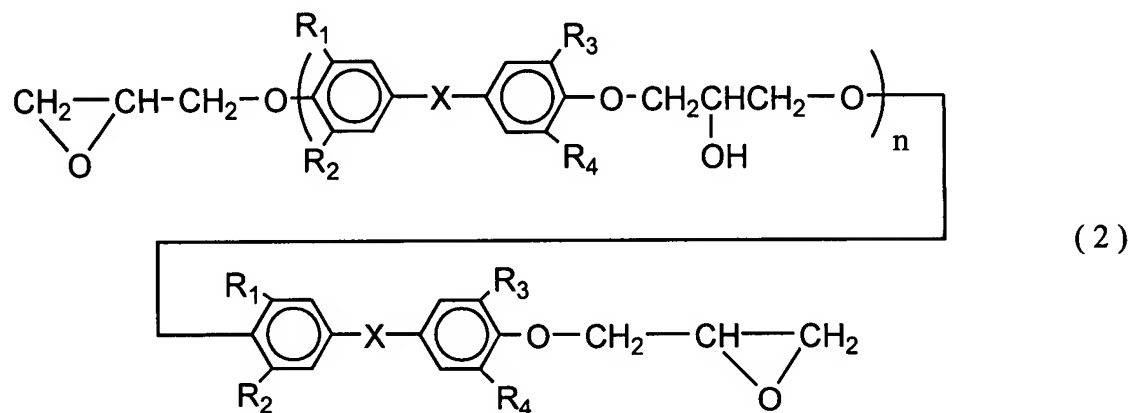


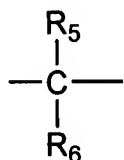
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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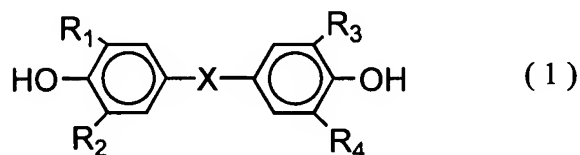
1. (Previously amended) A non-crystalline epoxy resin represented by general formula (2),



wherein R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>4</sub> indicate a hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6, n is 0 or integer of  $\pm 2$  or more in even numbers and X is a bond or the following general formula



wherein R<sub>5</sub>-R<sub>6</sub> indicate a hydrogen atom or hydrocarbon group of carbon number 1-6, obtained by reacting liquid epoxy resin and an aromatic compound represented by general formula (1),



wherein R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>4</sub> and X are as identified herein,

having molecular weight distribution comprising, content of n=0 component in the epoxy resin represented by general formula (2) is 60% or less and epoxy equivalent is 250g/eq or over.

2. (Original) The epoxy resin of claim 1, wherein aromatic compound represented by general formula (1) according to claim 1, is 3,3',5,5'-tetramethyl-4,4'-dihydroxyldiphenyl methane.

3. (Previously Cancelled).

4. (Previously Cancelled).

5. (Original) A coated product prepared by coating the epoxy resin composition of claim 1 on the surface of an object and curing the coating.

6. (Previously Cancelled).

7. (Previously Cancelled).

8. (Original) A coated product prepared by coating the epoxy resin composition of claim 2 on the surface of an object and curing the coating.

9. (Previously Cancelled).

10. (Previously Cancelled).

11. (Cancelled).